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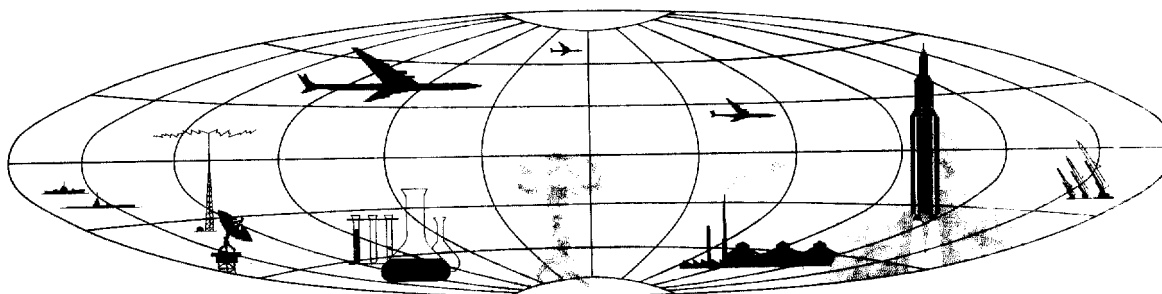
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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BIVOUAC AND TRAINING AREA
(47-05N 032-01E)
NIKOLAYEV, NIKOLAYEVSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
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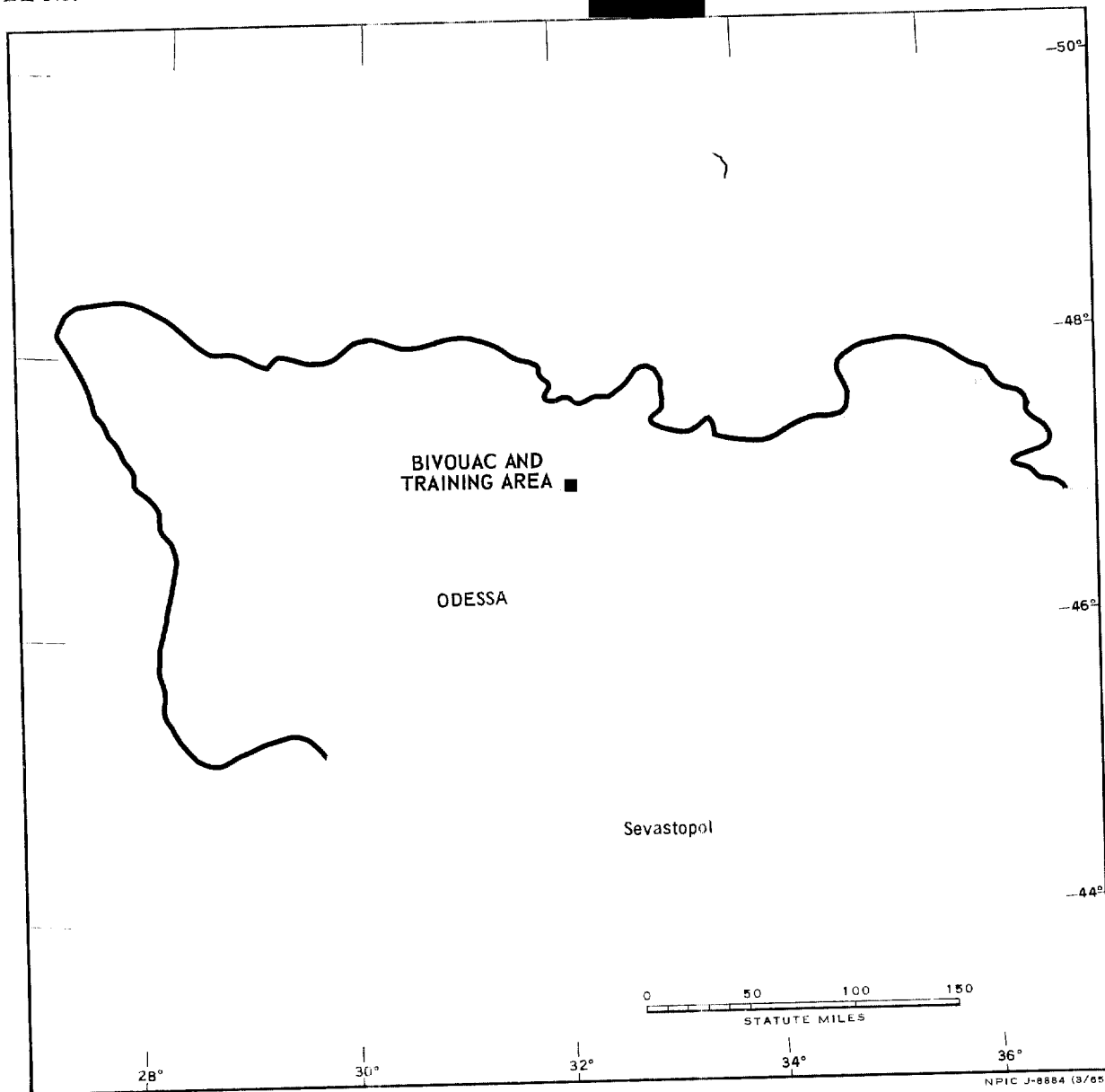


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BIVOUAC AND TRAINING AREA.

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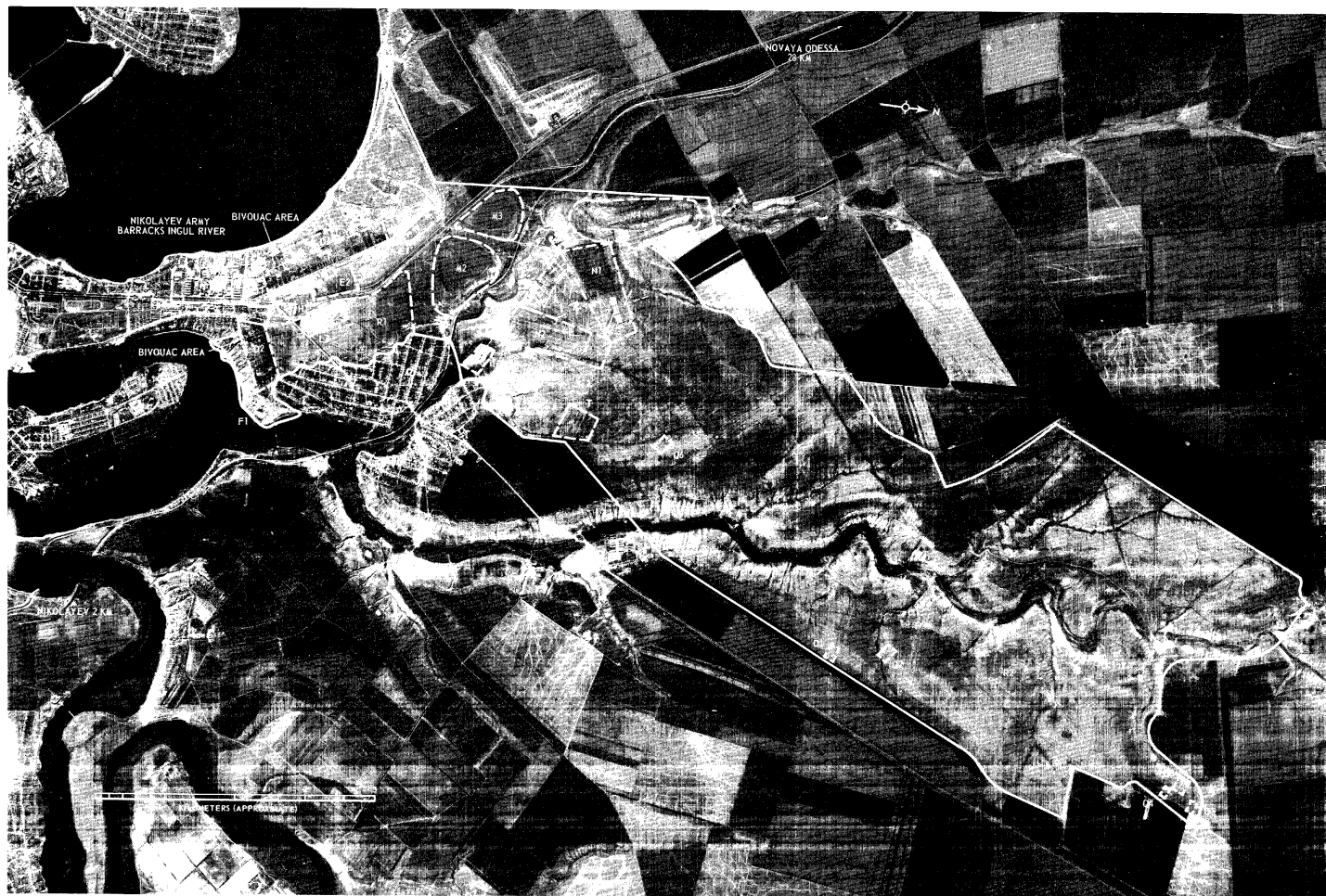


FIGURE 2. BIVOUAC AND TRAINING AREA, NIKOLAYEV, USSR.

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SUMMARY

A bivouac and training area is located 13.6 kilometers (km) north of Nikolayev (Figure 1). This installation covers approximately 16,000 acres and contains facilities for housing, support, and training. The training facilities are probably utilized by ground force units in the Nikolayev area.

The housing and support facilities include: 2 bivouac areas with an administration building and 27 support buildings; 2 general storage areas with 7 storage buildings, a revetted explosives storage building, and 2 possible storage buildings; 2 explosives storage areas with 13 possible explosives storage buildings, 2 probable bunkered buildings, and a support building; and 2 vehicle parks with 4 vehicle sheds, a possible vehicle maintenance building, a vehicle storage/maintenance building, and 7 support buildings (Figure 2). Ten additional support

buildings are scattered throughout the training area.

The training facilities include an athletic field, 3 small-arms firing ranges, a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course, 3 tracked-vehicle driver-training courses, 2 tank/assault-gun firing ranges, six 4-gun field artillery batteries, 2 infantry field-training areas, and a possible vehicle-mounted automatic-weapons firing range with 2 range support buildings. An area of unidentified ground scarring is located east of the firing ranges.

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The bivouac and training area is covered

The installation appears active on all coverage. The only change observed is the addition of 2 small-arms firing ranges and an area of unidentified ground scarring between

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A spur from the Novaya Odessa rail line passes through the barracks area and the main rail line passes through the training area.

Road Service

The installation is served by the all-weather Novaya Odessa-Nikolayev highway.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains a multistory administration building and 20 support buildings.

Area D2 contains 7 support buildings. Probable tents are visible on photography of

Both Areas D1 and D2 appear active on all photographic coverage.

General Storage Areas

Area E1 is secured and contains 5 general storage buildings and a revetted explosives storage building. Scarring indicates activity in this area.

Area E2 is secured and contains 2 storage buildings and 2 possible storage buildings. This area appears abandoned.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 is double secured and contains 11 possible explosives storage buildings and a support building. This area appears active.

Area F2 is secured and contains 2 probable bunkered buildings and 2 possible explosives storage buildings. No activity or change was observed in this area.

POL Storage Area

A POL storage area located 7 km south (46-57N 031-58E) contains 9 medium and 20 small POL storage tanks.

Other Buildings

Area H1 contains 6 support buildings.
Area H2 contains 4 support buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains a vehicle shed (300 by 60 feet), 3 vehicle sheds (each 110 by 35 feet), a possible vehicle maintenance building (150 by 60 feet), and 5 support buildings.

Area J2 contains a vehicle storage/maintenance building (150 by 50 feet) and 2 support buildings.

Both Areas J1 and J2 appear active on all photographic coverage.

Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field which appears active.

Small-Arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 is a small-arms firing range measuring 660 by 50 feet.

Area L2 is a small-arms firing range measuring 500 by 120 feet.

Area L3 is a small-arms firing range measuring 250 by 90 feet. This range is visible only on photography of [REDACTED] and is apparently under construction.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training area with 3 figure-8 courses. This facility appears inactive on [REDACTED] coverage and is not discernible on any earlier photography.

Areas M2, M3, and M4 are all tracked-vehicle driver-training courses. Areas M2 and M3 appear active on all photographic coverage. Area M4 appears active on all coverage except [REDACTED]

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 is a 4,000-foot range with 8 firing lanes (two 2,240 feet long, three 1,760 feet long, and three 1,440 feet long) and 8 moving-target runs. Two range support buildings are on the static firing line.

Area N2 is a 3,520-foot firing range with 2 support buildings. This facility consists of 6 parallel ground scars extending from a static firing line to a series of possible stationary targets which appear to be bunkered.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Six field artillery batteries (Areas Q1-Q6) each with 4 firing positions are first discernible on photography of [REDACTED]. Activity at these sites is undetermined.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Areas

Areas R1 and R2 are infantry field training areas which contain a series of personnel trenches and light vehicle tracks.

Special Training Facilities

Area S is a possible vehicle-mounted automatic-weapons firing range with 2 range support buildings. Numerous straight ground scars extend from a static firing line through a total of 14 probable moving-target runs.

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